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1. MONTREAL STAR OF JUNE 28 CARRIED PIECE ON DEPRESSED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN GASPE. AUTHOR OF ARTICLE CONCLUDED, AS HAVE MOST OTHER OBSERVERS, THAT EFFORTS BY FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OVER PAST DECADE TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS IN EASTERN QUEBEC HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH SCANT SUCCESS. HE CITED AS EVIDENCE: A) THE MIGRATION FROM AREA OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS OF 5,000-8,000 SOULS PER YEAR; B) CHRONIC UNEMPLOYMENT AT ABOUT 20 PERCENT AND EVEN HIGHER UNDEREMPLOYMENT; AND C) CONTINUING WIDE GAP IN PERCAPITA INCOME BETWEEN GASPE (3870 DOLLARS IN 1975) AND OVERALL QUEBEC PROVINCE (6081 DOLLARS).

2. ACCORDING TO STAR, GOOD FORTUNE FOR LARGE PROPORTION OF WORK FORCE DOGPATCH IS STILL BASED ON FINDING A JOB WHICH LASTS AT LEAST 12 WEEKS. AN INDIVIDUAL THEN BECOMES ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR. RELATIVELY GENEROUS CANADIAN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE USUALLY PROVIDES
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ENOUGH MONEY TO PREVENT REAL DEPRIVATION. HOWEVER, IT ALSO HAS UNFORTUNATE SIDE EFFECT OF SERVING AS PALLIATIVE ENCOURAGING MANY STOICALLY TO ACCEPT HARSH CONDITIONS IN RURAL SLUM RATHER THAN EMBARK ON UNCERTAIN VENTURE OF MIGRATION.
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